

# TERRE HAUTE

A LEVEL ABOVE

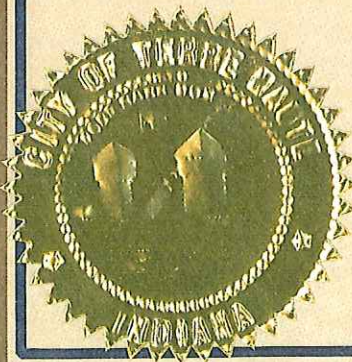
## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS:** The City of Terre Haute holds the health and safety of its teenagers and adults as a chief concern; and
- WHEREAS:** through ItCanWait.com, Facebook, text-to-pledge, tweet-to-pledge and events, more than 1.5 million people have committed to never text and drive; and
- WHEREAS:** 98 percent of American commuters know sending a text or email while driving is not safe; and
- WHEREAS:** Nearly 50 percent of commuters text while behind the wheel; and
- WHEREAS:** more than 40 percent of commuters who text while driving reported the activity as being a habit; and
- WHEREAS:** A Virginia Tech study showed those who send text messages while driving are 23 times more likely to crash; and
- WHEREAS:** a driver that sends a text message while driving not only jeopardized his or her safety, but also the safety of passengers, pedestrians, and other drivers.
- NOW, THEREFORE:** I, Duke A. Bennett, Mayor of the City of Terre Haute, do hereby proclaim September 19, 2013, as

**DRIVE 4 PLEDGES Day**

In the City of Terre Haute, Indiana, and I encourage all citizens to recognize the accomplishments of the leading businesses in our community and participate wholeheartedly in their observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Terre Haute to be affixed this 11th day of September, 2013.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Duke A. Bennett", is written over a horizontal line.

Duke A. Bennett, Mayor

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